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Dear Hal,

Several weeks qago a student friend came at just the time I was busy with a visitor who had travelled some distance. I therefore was unable to go over some records this student had obtained and on which he wanted my opinion. He agreed to mail me xeroxes. On one subject he forgot. I've written reminding him. However it also reminds me of you because I had intended sending one set of the xeroxes to you because it gets into at least one of your former interests, Arnold Lewis Kessler.

I took so hasty a look I cannot call it even skimming. But I have the distinct impression that there is an FBI informant involved, possibly one of those in or working on the SWP. Some of your friends may have an interest and they may be able to benefit from your guidance on these records and what they may mean to you.

I'm writing now while I've stopped what I was working on and before I return to it because I may be even busier when these copies come and I do want to explain more. I am staying successfully very busy in FOIA suits vs the government, three currently. I've also had to reduce my out-of-bed time from what you may remember because of an acute thrombophlebitis a year ago. I've permanent circulatory problems in the legs and thighs as a result and some other limitations.

The SWP has done a first-rate job in court in forcing out what the FBI did to it, especially the foolish spying. All the agencies have been stonewalling me on my requests for their files on me. I believe that these may well include at the least my first trip out there. You may recall that it was to have been under CCI sponsorship but when that was not possible you switched it to SWP. In this connection there are several things of which I remind you on the chance it can trigger more from you or those I then met who may have learned what is in the released files.

Remember the man who called in with a provocative call on the Harv Morgan show-the one who would not identify himself and knew of me what he could not normally have known? He is the one Harv wanted to cut off and I would not, I insisted on facing down. I think it is obvious he had some preparation. Then there were reports of some forms of electronic surveillance at the Golden Gate Park meeting, the one on which I was to have gotten a tape and didn't although it was taped. I'd now very much like to go over many baiting questions. I was extraordinarily tired then. I recall that part clearly. I am sure I was not as alert as I should have been.

There were other such things not in the Bay area. There were also things there that may mean nothing and about which my recollection is unclear. There was a time when you and Leon and I ate at a downtown cafeteria. We were using your car. I think Leon thought we were under observation. Maybe, maybe not. Then there was what I remember as an unexplained incident with your car when I was doing Jim Eason's all-night show on the Metromedia FM station, the night-people one. It had gotten us there but suddenly something happened to it when we left for breakfast. Sure, cars fail and my recollection could be faulty, but as I remember it your then believed something out of the usual had happened. And then there was my staying with Tom, in whom there certainly was interest.

I also wonder if I was in contact with any of those who may have been exposed. This would indicate the existence of records. On this, by the way, Paul has copies of a few I did get from CIA. One in particular, called an "incident report," I think you should go over. Paul claimed not to see any connection with him and he may be right. I can't figure any other except possible in some way Christian. His behavior certainly was suspect. I'd sure like to know the names of those he described as lawyer with whom he took me to lunch once Saturday...Sorry there have been no speaking engagements to get me out there. I can't afford to travel any other way...Hope things are going well with you. Best,